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Title: "US Hopes New Zealand Will Revise Ship Visit Policy." WH statement on talks between Secretary of State Baker and New Zealand Minister of External Relations and Trade Mike Moore. (900301)

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Text: U.S. HOPES NEW ZEALAND WILL REVISE SHIP VISIT POLICY (510) (Text: Tutwiler statement on Baker-Moore talks)

Washington — Secretary of State Baker March 1 reiterated "the strong U.S. hope that New Zealand will revise its policy on U.S. Navy ship visits so as to allow it to rejoin the **ANZUS** (Australia-New Zealand-U.S.) alliance," according to State Department spokesman Margaret Tutwiler. The U.S. policy of neither confirming nor denying the presence or absence of nuclear weapons aboard U.S. Navy ships is "an integral part of our global deterrence policy and our mutual security arrangements," Tutwiler said in a statement following talks between Baker and New Zealand Minister of External Relations and Trade Mike Moore. "There can be no return to full cooperation and confidence between the United States and New Zealand until the **ANZUS** relationship is restored," she added. Following is the text of Tutwiler's statement: (begin text)

At 2:00 p.m. today Secretary of State Baker met with New Zealand Minister of External Relations and Trade Mike Moore. The 35-minute meeting was held in a constructive and friendly atmosphere, keeping with the tradition of friendship based on shared democratic values which has marked U.S.-New Zealand relations. The meeting represents an adjustment in our limited access policy in order to allow us to discuss and cooperate on non-security matters of mutual concern. Secretary Baker and Minister Moore exchanged views on non-security issues including our joint efforts to achieve greater trade liberalization through the GATT Uruguay Round, narcotics problems, and Pacific Basin economic cooperation. Developments in Eastern Europe and South Africa were also reviewed. The secretary explained that he felt it important to be able to discuss issues of common concern such as trade, drugs, or driftnetting. In view, however, of the continuation of New Zealand's policy on ship visits, he said there can be no change in our ban on military, intelligence and security cooperation with New Zealand, and that suspension of our defense obligations to New Zealand under the **ANZUS** treaty would remain in effect. Secretary Baker reiterated the strong U.S. hope that New Zealand will revise its policy on U.S. Navy ship visits so as to allow it to rejoin the **ANZUS** alliance. We believe the solidarity of the Western alliance system, with its emphasis on collective security and shared responsibility for defense, has formed the basis of world

GE 2 TXT407 peace and international stability for 45 years. It has created the environment in which the remarkable advances in regional and strategic arms control and the surge toward democracy and market economies in Eastern Europe and elsewhere have become possible. Our policy of neither confirming nor denying the presence or absence of nuclear weapons aboard U.S. Navy ships is an integral part of our global and our mutual security arrangements. There can be no return to full cooperation and confidence between the United States and New Zealand until the **ANZUS** relationship is restored. (end text) NNNN